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FOR RYAN AND CLAY. PASS TO LAVELLE AT VISITING GENERALS OFFICE, FROM MARSHALL

SPECTOR 13. AC-130A WAS DOWNED* BY SAM IN VR SECTOR 4 AT 29/0400H. 14 PEOPLE ABOARD. ONE BEEPER.

POSITION OF DOWNED AIRCRAFT IS 6 MILES NORTHEAST MUANG PHINE, 163GN 1060GE. THERE WERE THREE SAMs FIRED ESCORT AIRCRAFT REPORTED SAM FIRING FROM 1622N/10555E, 12 MILES SOUTHWEST OF MUANG PHINE. WEATHER AT TIME OF SAM FIRING WAS CLEAR, 6 MILES VISIBILITY, MOON ILLUMINATION 97 PERCENT.

SPECTOR 13 WAS ESCORTED BY THREE F-4S. TWO F-105 IRON HANDS WERE IN AREA. COMBAT APPLE WAS AIRBORNE. AN EB-66 WAS AIRBORNE. NO COMINT WAS RECEIVED. RECCE PHOTOS HAVE BEEN TAKEN OF BOTH THE WRECKAGE AND THE POSSIBLE SAM LAUNCH AREA. TWO SAMs WERE FIRED AT AN AC-130 ON 27 FEB. WEST OF TCHEPONE. A SAM WAS FIRED AT AN AC-130 ON 24 MARCH. IN THE

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TCHEPONE AREA. A SAM WAS FIRED AT A NAVY F-4 ON 24 MARCH BUT THIS SAM WAS REPORTED AS BEING FIRED FROM THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE DMZ. ONE SAM WAS FIRED AT A NAVY A-6 IN THE TCHEPONE AREA ON 25 MARCH AN EXTENSIVE SAM SEARCH HAS BEEN UNDERWAY IN THE TCHEPONE AREA DAILY WITH SIX RECCE AIRCRAFT AND BOTH FAST AND SLOW PACS. THE AREA HAS BEEN CARRIED AS A SUSPECT SAM OPERATING AREA. WEATHER HAS BEEN MARGINAL TO UNWORKABLE.

AT THIS MOMENT WE HAVE NO INFO ON RHAW INDICATIONS
RECEIVED BY ANY OF THE ESCORT AND IRON HAND AIRCRAFT.
SAR IS IN PROGRESS. WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED.

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